House File 2413 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 626)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to child abuse involving the commission of
- 2 a sexual offense with or to a child by a person who is
- 3 eighteen years of age or older.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- Section 1. Section 232.68, subsection 2, paragraph a, subparagraph (3), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

 (3) The commission of a sexual offense with or to a child pursuant to chapter 709, section 726.2, or section 728.12, subsection 1, as a result of the acts or omissions of the person responsible for the care of the child or of a person who is fourteen years of age or older and resides in a home with he child. Notwithstanding section 702.5, the commission of a sexual offense under this subparagraph includes any sexual offense referred to in this subparagraph with or to a person under the age of eighteen years.

 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- This bill amends the definition of child abuse in Code 16 chapter 232, relating to child abuse reporting and assessments.
- 17 Under current law, child abuse is defined to include the 18 commission of a sexual offense with or to a child as a result of 19 the acts or omissions of the person responsible for the care of 20 the child or of a person, regardless of the age of the person,
- 21 who resides in a home with the child.
- The bill changes current law to provide that child abuse includes the commission of a sexual offense with or to a child as a result of the acts or omissions of the person responsible for the care of the child or of a person who is 14 years of age or older and resides in a home with the child.